

NOAH'S DOVE; with a green Olive-Leaf,
OR,

The National Covenant, and Solemn League Renewed.

That it was Antecedently a Duty, before it was made and sworn, delineated and proved
To what; and how far it was Obligatory.

*Zechariah Ch: 14: He shall be King over all the Earth! His Name ONE. John 17: 11: v: Christs
mouth prays for a specifick Union.*

Octogesimus, Octavus, mirabilis Annus,
Clade Papistarum faustus ubique piis.

To the suffering Remnant, of the Protestant Reformed Church in Scotland.

THE BIBLE assures us, *The Earth shall disclose her Dead, and no more cover her slain. The
Widows bloody napkin crys, how long!* GODS book is by Him, and His bottle by Him,
He will hold a Court of Oppression, *Psalms 9. Antichrist* has carried the Grapes of
Christs Flesh into the Wine-press of the wrath of GOD, and squeezed it by wicked
men, who are GODS Hands and his Sword, *sayeth David*, yet he keeps the handle in
his own hand: Tho no simple National or Personal interest, can answer the great Design
of God either in his Glorious Manifestation! or Marvellous Dispensation, *a Wheel in a
Wheel*, and *Hand under the Wing*, or by *Blazing Comet*; in the 1681: and 1682: whereon
we observed, then in Print, what was relative to the rise, reign, ruine of the man of sin. Yet
as *Israel* a chosen Family of old, so other nations since may be said, to be more dear, and
near GOD! Whom He brings into the school of Correction, when others are brought in-
to the place of Execution, else we had been as *Sodom*; witness that famous *Bohemian Mar-
tyr*, a Noble Man, ardently in prison, imploring the Mediator for a sign of that poor
Churches Restauration, and accordingly a *Rain-Bow* appeared over the Execution place;
and he sung that *Psalms 85. 17.* A symptome that GOD will rake up the Ashes of that
Church, as Ours upon these Considerations.

Con: 1. We were previously bound to extirpat Popery, which is Idolatry, overturning the
Foundation of Religion, either in flat terms, or by consequence of the *Cassandrian Do-
ctrine*, whose League makers we enervat, in that Book printed in 1683: Entituled, *Scot-
land pulling down the gates of Rome*: Proving the difficulty of the Salvation of a *Papist* living
and dying in *Perjury* and *Idolatry*. *Theff: 2 Ch: 11: v: No Faith, no Covenant, keep either
to GOD, or Man, but kill, murder and destroy, such truculent practices are Mercenary
duties*, witness their own *Patriots*, and the *Jesuits morals*.

Con: 2. Prelacy in Scotland, is a bitter Sprig of the same Tree, springing from the verge
of the *Civil Roman Empire*, as Learned *Burnet* and *Baxter* delineats! Its true the Univer-
sity of *Salmon* say: that there is no model of *Primitive Church discipline*, but that God hath
left, in *equilibrio* to humane choice. (When all Divines agree, that the Essentials of a
Church Officer, are in ruling as well as teaching.) But they afterwards check themselves
in a Recantation. The *Laws of England*, say, we grant, and we give to the Clergy, the Title
of *Lords*, *Jure Carolino*, but go near, to make it Treason, if they should plead *Jure Divino*. tho
we, derogate, nothing from the *Bishops of Englands* due worth: resembling in their Lives
more the *Scripture Bishop* then ours! Pious *Usher* calls himself *Primus Presbyteriorum*. Yet their
Famous Historian, *Holingshead* commensurates the dimensions of the *Primitive Bishops*,
according to their Pastoral Relation; *unus Episcopus* was the note of their individuation.
And *Ignatius* requires to know, their flock by name, denominating their Church, *Frater-
nity*, *Consociation*, or *Presbytery*. Taking *Episcopacy* or oversight willingly! *Pamelius*, *Albaspi-
neus*. Hence there is no Delegation, of teaching and ruling Power, establishing non resi-
dency: Can the *Privy Seal* of a Nation delegat his Charge, *Christs Royal Priesthood*, to the
hands of *Hirelings*, whose sword is on their right Arm, and right Eye utterly Darkned
Which we have discussed in the *Discipline of Christian Religion*, Printed in the 84 So that
a *Scripture Bishop*, is nothing else save a *Preses* or *Speaker* in a *Parliament*, else its Oligar-
thical Tyranny! Thus of the Authority which the Lord hath given to us not for de-
struction, but for your Edification against Popery which is Idolatry, Prelacy: Perjury,
Toleration, a Grave for Reformation.

Con: 3. We do not retreat from a positive Divine Law, to a Covenant Law, Save when
Joshua and *Israel* Prince and People, enter in a Solemn Covenant, the breach whereof

in Perjury and Bloodshed; GOD avengeth and expieth by a Thunderbolt of his wrath on the race of *Saul* for many years after. As also *Almerick* King of *Jerusalem*, *Uladislains* breaketh Covenant with the *Turks*, *Herold* last King of the *Danes* in *England*! Nor can we shelter our selves by the Irregularities of *Joshuas* Covenant, for they do not annihilat the Obligation; it being only the finfulness of the matter sworn, not the circumstances conserlant about the Act of Swearing. Tho *Jephtha* should be robbed of their dearest delighs and *Zedekiah*, besieged with Tumults within and Warrs without! Hearken *Bishop Hall*, the facilitie of *Israel*, led them into a Covenant, yet most they not inringe their Oath, &c. King *Charles 1st.* advises to keep Covenant in all Just wayes to his Son King *Charles the 2d.* The Kirk of *Scotland* was unite 54 years by means of Discipline. Learned *Bishop Sanderson* grants the vanity of that Distinction: Relaxation of the matter and of the Oath! But some say, a King cannot be under the Laws of Federacy. But say I, how then is he under the Laws of *Matrimonie*.

Con: My will contracts according to what my knowledge reacheth: mutually espousing Persons, Lives, Goods, &c. The Commons Espousing, the Minitters, in rescuing them from Death: tho we have been Eye Witness to the Pillaging, Robbing, yea Murdering 1500 and 50 men, 9 Women; within these 27 years who sealed this with their Blood. We shall for Antiquity of *Presbytery*, refer you to the conveyance of *Presbytery* done by us. Hence to be the witness to those Barbarities, where Mens hearts were shot thorow their Backs, and Noses shot thorow their Necks, in the open Field, and many died in the Mountains, and not in their station. To assist made us as guilty as we had been the Actors; And this we may read love in GODS Heart, yet there is wrath in His Hands (till we humble our selves under the Mighty Hand of GOD, by sincere Fasting and Prayer) seeing a volumn betwixt the Sun and the Earth could not contain our Perjuries, Apostacys, &c. Christs dethroning supremacy, yea, exquisite tortoring by Boots, by Pricks, Thumikens, and fire-matches, drowning Women very young, of some exceeding Aged. Yet sure I am: Tho' I cannot Determine, whether it shall be by a Formal Sworn Covenant: or more Glorious Manifestation: that CHRIST shall be a Crowned King over his Church: against *Papists*, *Ashiests*, *Anabaptists*. Yea that *Scotsmen*, shall darken the Seat of the Beast, the *Revelatton* alluding to *Scotizei* in the *Greek Language*.

Thus have we cleared the lawfulness of the Covenant, against *Popery*, *Prelacy*, *Toleration*, that *Popish Sugarplumb*, betraying the Mediatory glory of CHRIST, into the hands of Tyranny, and Lawless Liberty: Yet are 44. Minitters who did not accept it, only among the causes of GODS Wrath, we fear, 1 *Kings* 20. 43. Because thou let the man go whom I pointed to utter destruction.

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